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Dear Community,

We've had some setbacks recently, but our team (including Captain America, Power Man, She-Hulk, Kaluu, White Tiger, Blue Marvel, Spectrum, Jessica Jones and myself, Luke Cage) remains committed to working with you, the people, to help those in need. Legal difficulties, car trouble, rampaging super villains, you name it -- if you've got a problem, we're your guys.

Our volunteer call center is always looking for new recruits to answer calls from folks who need help. You could even end up fielding a call from Steve Rogers, the original Captain America, like our newest Mighty Avenger volunteer Soraya Khorasani recently did!

As always, thanks for your ongoing support and feedback.

Your neighbor,

Luke Cage

STEVE ROGERS STOPS BY MIGHTY AVENGERS HQ!

The Mighty Avengers are riding high after their victory over CORTEX CEO Jason Quantrell and the otherworldly Beyond Corporation, in large part thanks to the revitalized Spectrum. But there's no time to celebrate when former Captain America Steve Rogers calls on the Mighty Avengers to help with a problem that affects all of reality...

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BAD NEWS and WORSE NEWS

178 DAYS to LIVE

THE GEM THEATER.
MIGHTY AVENGERS HQ.

"THIS MEETING'S ALREADY TAKEN LONGER TO ARRANGE THAN I'D HAVE LIKED..."

MIGHTY AVENGERS *****

STEVE ROGERS.
THE ORIGINAL CAPTAIN AMERICA.

...SO I'LL KEEP IT *BRIEF.*

IT'S *BAD NEWS.*

THE *MULTIVERSE*--AS IN, EVERY UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING *IN* THOSE UNIVERSES--

--IS DYING.
WHAT?
YEAH, UH, I GOT A QUESTION--
WHY? HOW?
WELL, I DON'T HAVE A CLEVER WAY OF PUTTING IT. BUT...
IMAGINE A PYRAMID OF CANS AT A SUPERMARKET.
SOME KID HAPPENS ALONG, YANKS OUT THE BOTTOM CAN. SUDDENLY, THERE'S A GAP...
"...AND THE WHOLE STRUCTURE STARTS CRASHING DOWN.
"ONLY THE CANS ARE WORLDS. UNIVERSES, CRASHING TOGETHER."
EARTH IS ALWAYS THE CONTACT POINT. IF TWO EARTHS COLLIDE, WE LOSE BOTH THEIR UNIVERSES.
AND HERE'S WHERE WE GET THE WORSE NEWS.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE *ILLUMINATI*, LUKE?

THE RICH-WHITE-GUY COUNTRY CLUB *TONY STARK* FORMED TO CONCERN-TROLL THE WORLD?

LOST THE ALL-POWERFUL INFINITY GEMS TO THE *HOOD*, OF ALL PEOPLE?

THAT ILLUMINATI?

RIGHT.

AT THE *END* OF THAT, TONY ALLOWED YOU ALL TO THINK THE GEMS HAD BEEN *REMOVED FROM EXISTENCE.**

THAT WAS A *LIE.* THE ILLUMINATI TOOK THEM BACK.

IT WAS... JUDGED TO BE THE SAFER COURSE.

*IN *AVENGERS VOL. 4, #7-12.*--TOM

"WHEN THEY *WERE* EVENTUALLY DESTROYED, IT WAS WHILE SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTING AN *INCURSION*--ONE OF THOSE MULTIVERSAL *COLLISIONS* I MENTIONED.

"I WAS *USING* THEM AT THE TIME."*

*IN *NEW AVENGERS VOL. 3, #3.*--TOM

SO YOU LIED.

STARK GAVE YOU AN *INVITE.*

HE DID.

AND YOU SAID *YES.*

TO GET IN THAT ROOM?

DAMN RIGHT.

TO GET IN THE ROOM THAT RUNS THE *WORLD,* WHETHER THE WORLD LIKES IT OR NOT. YEAH, I CAN SEE HOW THAT'D BE *TEMPTING.*

I USED TO LOOK *UP* TO YOU--

DON'T YOU *DARE.*

DON'T YOU *DARE* JUDGE ME.

BEING IN THAT ROOM GAVE ME A *VOICE.* IT LET ME *SPEAK* AGAINST THE *UNSPEAKABLE.*

EARTH IS THE COLLISION POINT-- DON'T YOU *GET* IT? *REMOVE* AN EARTH-- *DESTROY* AN EARTH--

AND *THERE IS NO COLLISION!*

GOD... GOD!

YOU COULD *SEE* THEIR MINDS WORK!

"IF I HADN'T *BEEN* THERE-- *IN THAT ROOM*--THEY'D HAVE TALKED THEMSELVES INTO IT INSIDE OF *FIVE MINUTES.*

"INTO *DESTROYING WORLDS.*"

TO SAVE ENTIRE *UNIVERSES*--

THERE! JUST LIKE THAT!

SEVEN BILLION LIVES, *JUST LIKE THAT!*

MURDERED! BECAUSE *YOU* CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER OPTION!

AND *YOU'RE* NOT REED RICHARDS--

REED *RICHARDS* KNEW ABOUT THIS?

"HE'S KNOWN FOR MONTHS. THEY *ALL* HAVE. ALL THOSE *KINGS* AND *PRINCES*...

"YOU KNOW *I* HAD TO REMIND THEM ABOUT THE INFINITY GEMS? ALL THOSE BIG, CLEVER BRAINS AND *I* HAD TO THINK OF THAT?"

AND THE GEMS *WERE* SUCCESSFUL, EVEN IF WE DID LOSE THEM. WE *STOPPED AN INCURSION.*

VICTORY *IS* POSSIBLE. AND EVEN IF IT *WASN'T*...

WE DO NOT FIGHT WHAT IS *MONSTROUS* BY BECOMING MONSTERS *OURSELVES.*

AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY *SAID* TO THAT?

THOSE KINGS AND PRINCES? THOSE CLEVER, CLEVER PEOPLE?

"THEY HAD STEPHEN STRANGE WIPE MY MIND.

"AND THEN THEY THREW ME OUT LIKE GARBAGE."

GOOD FOR STRANGE.

HE'S LEARNED *WELL.*

EXCUSE ME?

I AM A *BLACK MAGICIAN,* ROGERS. I WORK *IN* THE WORLD, *FOR* THE WORLD. I KNOW THE *COSTS* INVOLVED.

YOUR *CLEAN HANDS* COME AT A PRICE WE CANNOT *AFFORD.*

I COULD SAY THE SAME ABOUT YOUR *BLOODY* ONES, KALUU.

AND AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED? YOU'RE JUST ONE MORE *BAD GUY.*

DON'T LET ME SEE YOU AGAIN.

THE *REST* OF YOU-- DECIDE WHICH *SIDE* YOU'RE ON. I'M TAKING THEM *DOWN*-- STARK, RICHARDS, STRANGE, T'CHALLA, *ALL* OF THEM.

DON'T THINK I WON'T TAKE *YOU* DOWN TOO.

T'CHALLA?

SO WHEN WERE YOU GOING TO TELL *US* ABOUT THIS, SAM?

IT'S *NEED TO KNOW*, MONICA. WE DON'T KNOW HOW THE PUBLIC WILL *REACT*.

AND IF WE'RE TALKING *SECRETS*, WHAT ABOUT *YOU*? STEVE COMES OVER AND YOU'RE BACK IN THE OLD "*NEW LOOK*"--

SURE--THE "*UNDERESTIMATE-ME*" LOOK. AND I'M PRETTY SURE IT WAS THE RIGHT CALL.

STEVE'S WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE *PLANET-DESTROYERS*, SAM.

THINK ABOUT IT.

UM.

ARE YOU *GOING* TO BLOW UP A PLANET?

JUST BE *CAREFUL*, SAM.

NOBODY CAN KEEP A SECRET *FOREVER*--NOT *ME*, NOT *YOU*, NOT THE *ILLUMINATI*, AND *DEFINITELY* NOT YOUR *BOSS*.

SOONER OR LATER, THE TRUTH *WILL* OUT...

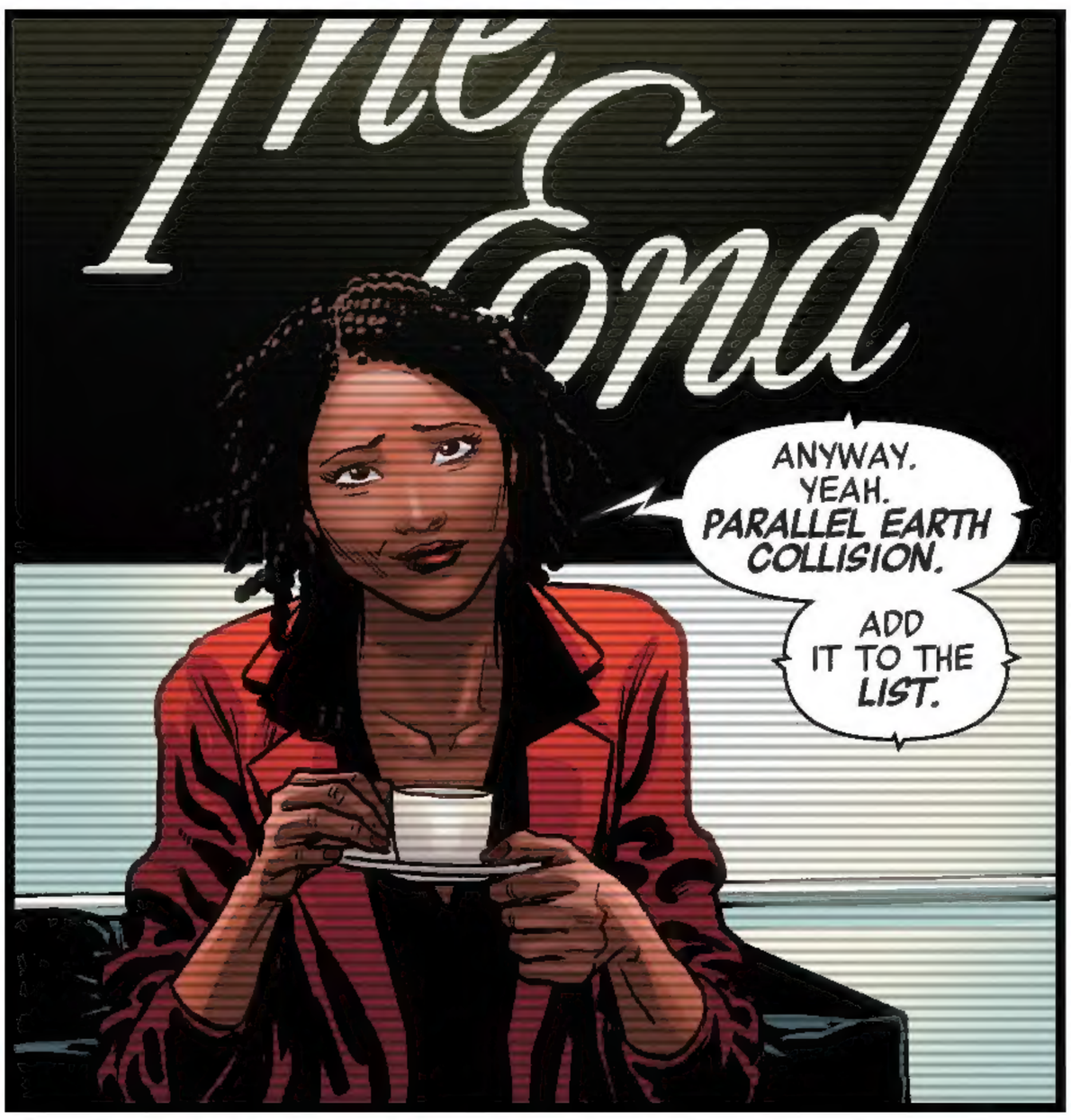
the TRUTH OUTS

84 DAYS to LIVE

I LEARNED OUR WORLD-- OUR UNIVERSE--IS DYING. AND THESE... LUCKY FEW...
THESE... HEROES HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
MTN
UN Ambassador warns world of "Incursions"...

The End
OH. THAT.
YEAH, IT'S A WORRY, ALL RIGHT. I MEAN, THAT AND THE BEES... ASTEROID IMPACTS... CLIMATE CHANGE, SUPERFLU, THE SUPERVOLCANO...
NUCLEAR WAR, THAT'S AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE...

The End
...AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT GET SO MUCH LESS IMPORTANT WHEN YOUR KID'S SICK AND YOUR CAR'S IN THE SHOP AND YOU CAN'T MAKE RENT.



MESSED-UP STUFF

39 DAYS to LIVE

NICE SWORD.

I'LL *TAKE* IT.

KRAKK

HNNGH--

WHITE TIGER & POWER-MAN.

KICK BUTT, WILL TRAVEL.

SCRATCH ONE ***APOCALYPSE CULT--***

--OUT OF ***FIVE*** PEOPLE CALLED US ABOUT ***TODAY.***

PEOPLE DO SOME ***MESSED-UP STUFF*** AT THE END OF THE WORLD...

...

YES.

YES, THEY DO...

THE DAY BEFORE.

QUEENS.

AWILDA?

IT'S ME.

IT'S AVA. YOUR *SISTER.*

AVA?

I--I CAME *HOME,* AWILDA. WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S *HAPPENING,* I--I WANTED TO--

AWILDA, *WAIT--*

I--I CAN'T--

YOU HAD TO COME TO THE *HOUSE?*

REY--

YOU DON'T THINK IT'S BAD *ENOUGH* MAMA SEES YOU ON *TV?* IN THAT *COSTUME,* WITH THOSE-- THOSE *THINGS* ON YOU?

LOOK AT YOU! YOU'RE WEARING THEM *NOW!*

AFTER WHAT THEY DID TO MY *SISTER--* TO POOR *ANGELA--*

THEY'RE *PART* OF ME--

YOU'RE *ADDICTED* TO THEM, YOU MEAN--

NO!

AAOW--

I TOOK THE TIGER GOD'S *POWER!* I BEAT HIM!

I'M IN CONTROL!

WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH YOU--?

AND I'M *SORRY* ABOUT ANGELA! BUT I'M SORRY ABOUT *HECTOR* TOO! AND MY *PARENTS!*

AND ALL THE *OTHERS* WHO DIE BECAUSE *NOBODY IS THERE!* IN THE *NIGHT!* IN THE *DARKNESS!*

AND *SOMEONE HAS TO BE THERE!*

I HAVE TO BE THERE, REY.

THAT'S WHO I *AM* NOW.

I'M THE WHITE TIGER.

YOUR-- YOUR *EYES--*

GET AWAY FROM HIM!

MAMA, PUT THAT *DOWN--*

GET AWAY! GET AWAY FROM MY HOUSE! GET OUT OF OUR LIVES!

WE DON'T WANT YOU! NOBODY WANTS YOU HERE!

SISTER--

JUST GO!

GO!

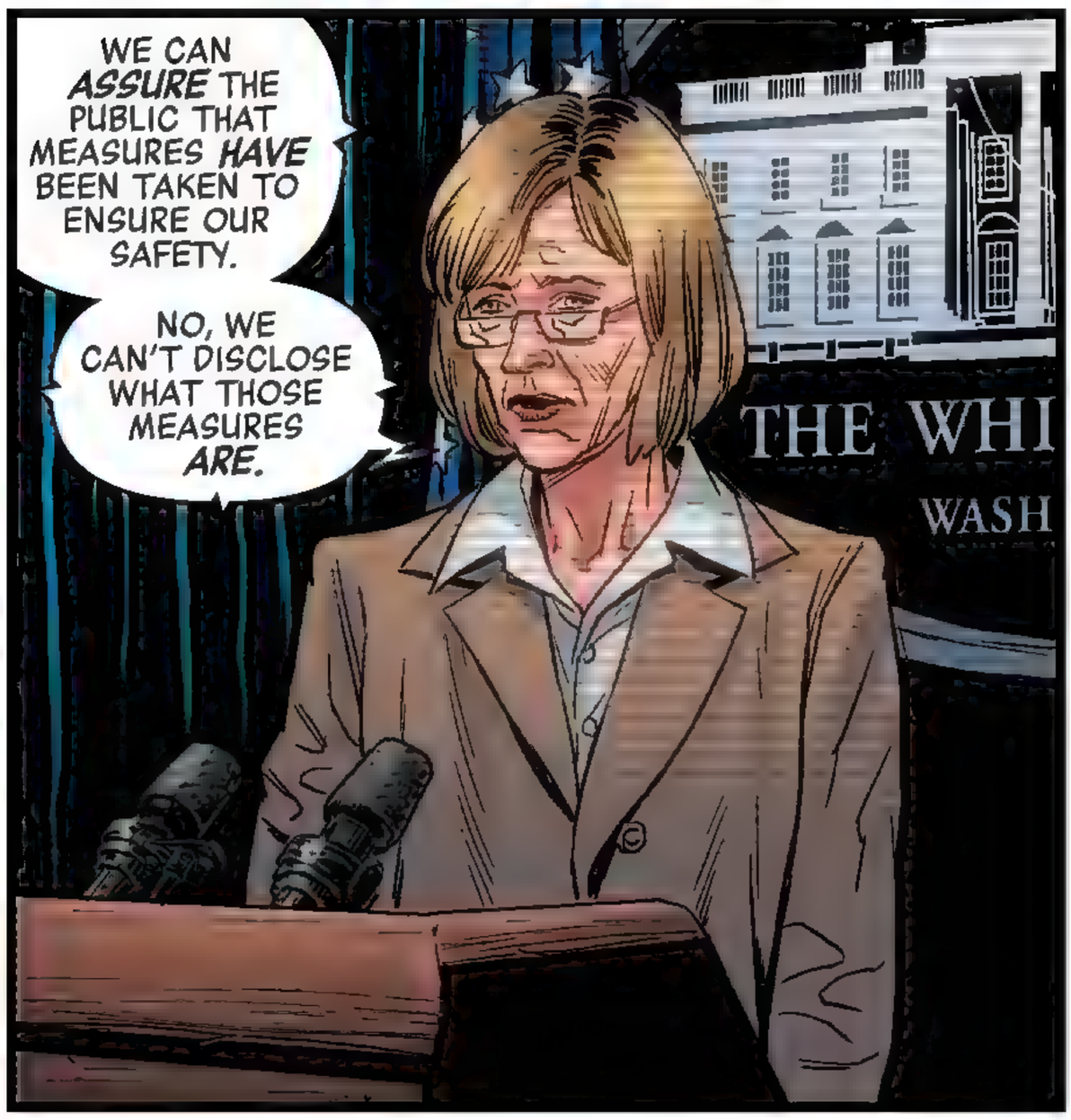
...

COME ON, VIC.

WE'VE GOT PEOPLE WHO *NEED* US.

VOX POPULI

26 DAYS to LIVE


WE CAN ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE OUR SAFETY.
NO, WE CAN'T DISCLOSE WHAT THOSE MEASURES ARE.
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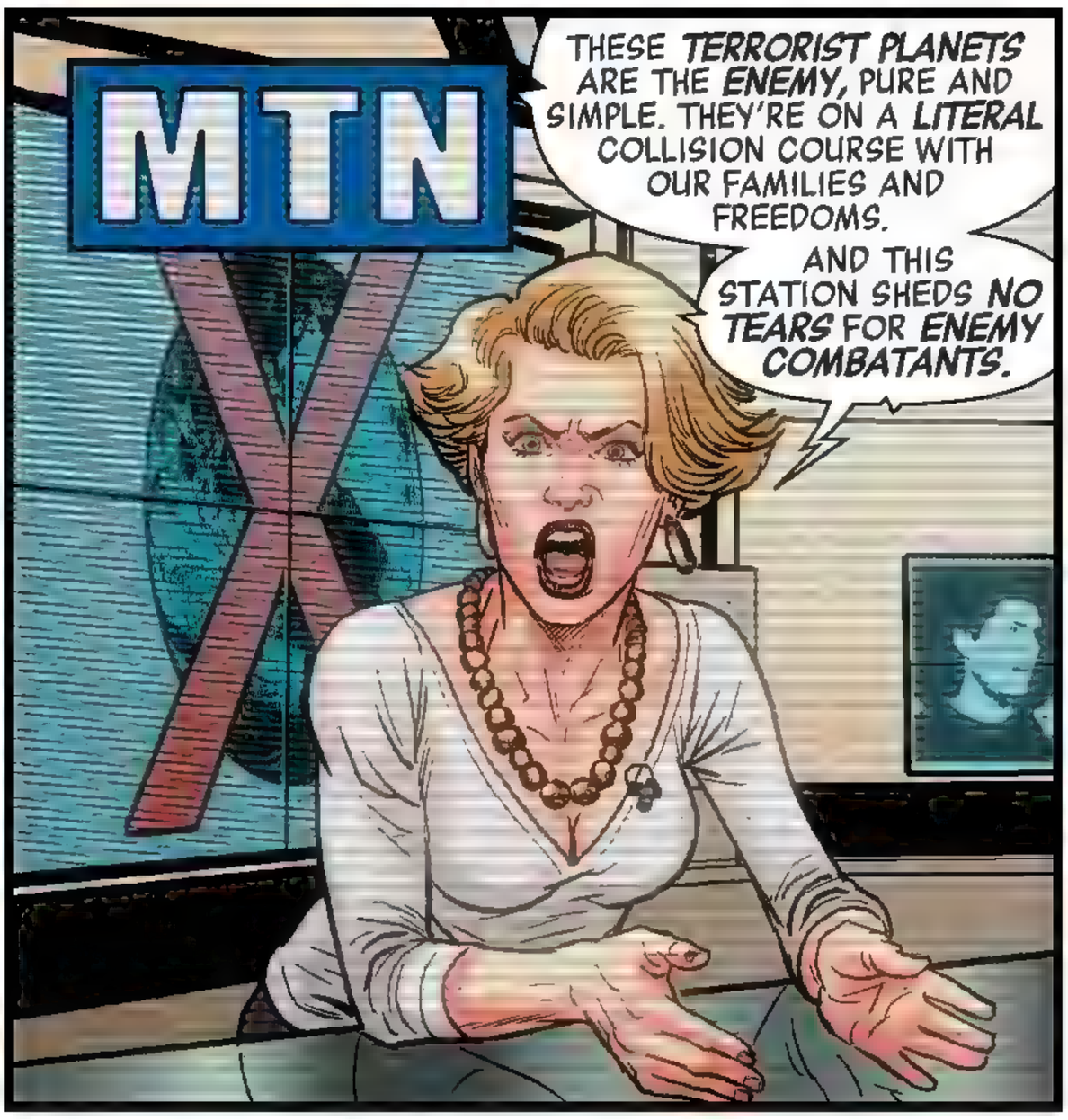
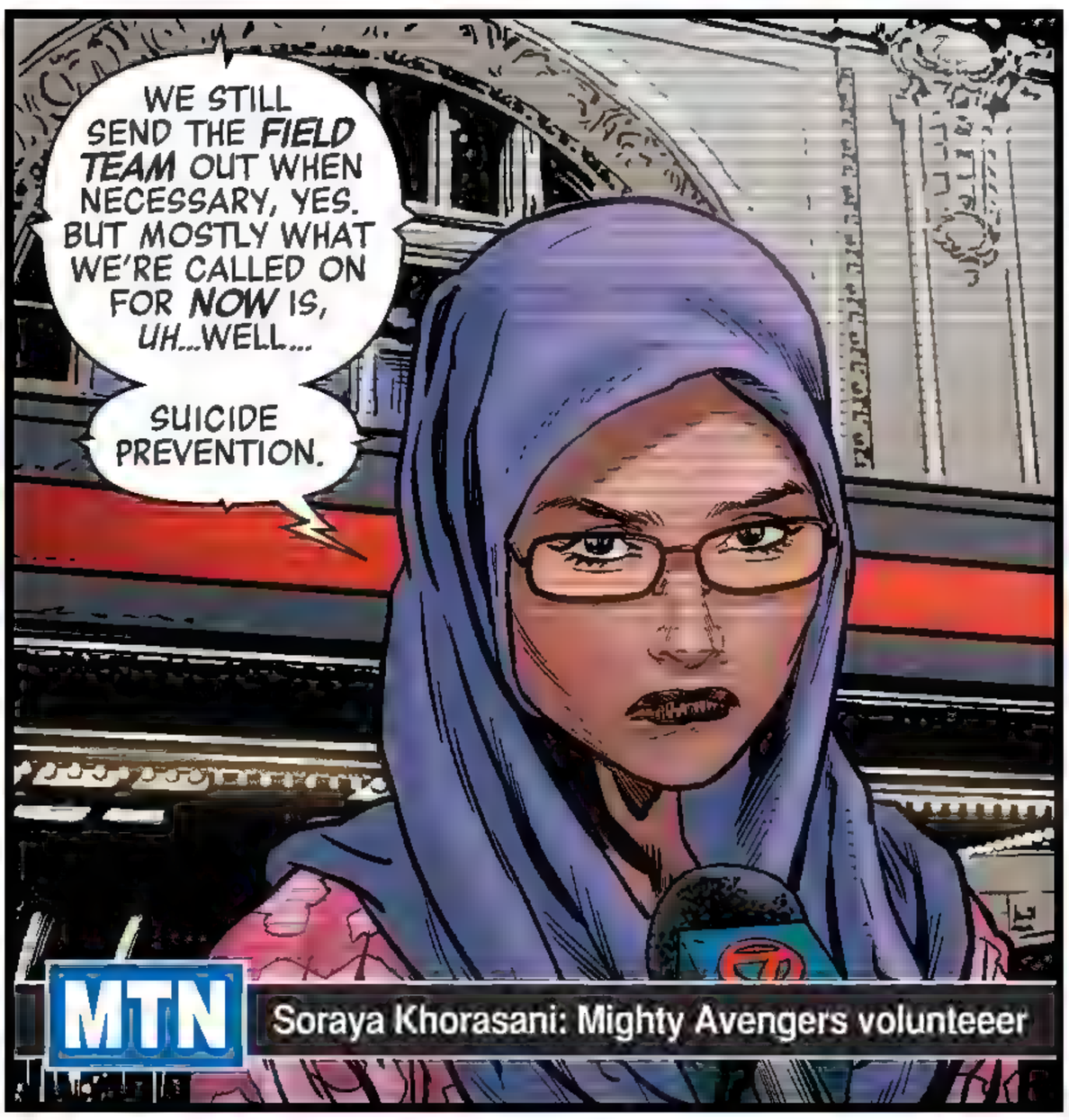

MTN
THESE TERRORIST PLANETS ARE THE ENEMY, PURE AND SIMPLE. THEY'RE ON A LITERAL COLLISION COURSE WITH OUR FAMILIES AND FREEDOMS.
AND THIS STATION SHEDS NO TEARS FOR ENEMY COMBATANTS.

IF CURRENT THEORIES ARE CORRECT, EVERY INCOMING EARTH DESTROYED SHORTENS THE LIFESPAN OF OUR OWN UNIVERSE.
IF WE ARE THE LAST EARTH STANDING...WILL WE HAVE TIME TO LIVE WITH IT?
MTN
Dr. Peter Corbeau: Scientist, adventurer


WE STILL SEND THE FIELD TEAM OUT WHEN NECESSARY, YES. BUT MOSTLY WHAT WE'RE CALLED ON FOR NOW IS, UH...WELL...
SUICIDE PREVENTION.
MTN
Soraya Khorasani: Mighty Avengers volunteeer

IT'S ALL LIES!
HOLOGRAM TECHNOLOGY FROM DARPA! PROPAGANDA FOR THE ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT!
WAKE UP, SHEEPLE!
TAMFORD WAS AN INSIDE JOB
CROATOA

WE, THE PEOPLE

19 DAYS to LIVE

THE GEM THEATER.
A SECRET MEETING OF THE MIGHTY AVENGERS.

IT'S *DECISION TIME.*

MISTER ROGERS IS GETTING VERY *IMPATIENT* TO KNOW WHICH *SIDE* WE'RE ON.

WE'RE ON *OUR* SIDE.

AS IN *"WE, THE PEOPLE."*

I NOTICE *WILSON'S* NOT WITH US. OR *SPIDER-MAN...*

THEY'RE A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO STEVE'S FACTION. I'D RATHER WORD DIDN'T GET TO HIM ABOUT WHAT WE'RE *PLANNING.*

HE'S *ALREADY* DROPPING NOT-SO-SUBTLE HINTS ABOUT SHUTTING US *DOWN...*

WELL, WHOSE FAULT IS *THAT? YOU'RE* THE ONE WHO TALKED ABOUT BLOWING UP *PLANETS.*

ALTHOUGH I *HOPE*--IF IT COMES TO IT--THAT THAT WASN'T AN *IDLE THREAT...*

WE'LL SEE.

IF IT COMES TO IT.

O-KAY...

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF MONICA'S *NON*-BLOWING-UP-PLANETS IDEA?

...MOTION *CARRIED.*

WELL, DON'T EXPECT *ME* TO JOIN IN.

I JUST HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE *DOING...*

YEAH.

"ME TOO."

DAYS LATER. CADIZ, SPAIN.
THE LAST BATTLE BETWEEN STEVE ROGERS' FORCES AND THE ILLUMINATI.

READY TO LET THESE PEOPLE IN ON OUR LITTLE SECRET, SAM?

UH-HUH. ABOUT TIME.

MIGHTY AVENGERS--

ASSEMBLE!

KINGS and PRINCES

14 DAYS to LIVE

"IT WAS QUITE A *FIGHT* BACK THERE, WASN'T IT?*

"OR IT CERTAINLY *SHOULD* HAVE BEEN..."

*SEE *NEW AVENGERS #28.* --TOM

...BUT I HAVE A *SNEAKING SUSPICION* YOU WERE *HOLDING BACK.*

AM I WRONG?

LET'S JUST SAY WE'RE HAPPY WE DIDN'T *WIN.*

HAVING THE AVENGERS ACTUALLY *TALK* TO EACH OTHER IS ALL OUR TEAM *WANTED,* REED.

QUITE. THESE INTERNECINE SQUABBLES HAVE GONE ON *TOO LONG,* DR. RICHARDS.

WHEN FACING SOMETHING LIKE *THIS,* WE'RE VASTLY STRONGER ACTING *TOGETHER* THAN WE ARE *APART.*

I HOPE SO.

THOUGH I FEAR IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE...

ANYWAY. I'M GLAD WE'RE ALL ON THE *SAME SIDE,* DOCTOR--

WE'RE *NOT.*

I DON'T THINK YOU *UNDERSTAND* ME, REED.

I WASN'T SPOUTING SOME *AIRY PLATITUDE* TO MAKE YOU *FEEL BETTER* JUST NOW.

I WAS *TELLING* YOU, TO YOUR *FACE,* THAT THIS IS *YOUR FAULT. ALL* OF YOU.

YOUR FAULT FROM THE *START.*

HARDLY.

WE'VE NOT BEEN *IDLE*, DOCTOR. WE'VE TRIED EVERY METHOD AT OUR DISPOSAL TO *END* THE INCURSIONS FOR GOOD--

"--AS, I ASSUME, HAVE YOU.

"OBVIOUSLY WITHOUT SUCCESS."

NOTHING HAS WORKED. WE MAY BE *PAST* BEING ABLE TO *WIN* THIS.

ALL WE CAN DO IS *NOT LOSE*--

OR *LISTEN*, APPARENTLY.

WHAT?

THERE'S *ONE* THING YOU NEVER TRIED, REED--THOUGH I'LL AGREE IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

ONE SIMPLE THING THAT VERY POSSIBLY COULD HAVE SAVED US ALL.

YOU COULD HAVE TALKED TO THE *REST* OF US.

DR. BRASHEAR-- WE COULD NOT INVITE JUST ANYBODY INTO--

SPARE ME. GOD KNOWS I'D RATHER NOT BE PART OF YOUR ILLUMINATI, OR WHATEVER YOU CALL YOURSELVES.

I'VE SEEN HOW YOU TREAT DISSENTING VOICES.

AND THAT'S THE ISSUE IN A NUTSHELL, T'CHALLA. A PLURALITY OF VOICES.

"WE, THE PEOPLE."

YOU COULD HAVE HAD FAITH IN YOUR PEERS. ALL OF US. WORKING TOGETHER, RIGHT FROM THE START, WE MIGHT HAVE STOOD A CHANCE.

OR NOT. WE'LL NEVER KNOW.

BECAUSE YEARS AGO, YOU FORMED AN ELITE GROUP ON THE BASIS THAT YOU KNEW BEST.

WELL, HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT, DOCTOR?

ADAM-- YOU'RE NOT BEING FAIR--

AND YOU.

YOU DISCOVERED A CRISIS THAT AFFECTS EVERY LIVING THING IN THE UNIVERSE--IN THE MULTIVERSE--

--AND YOU CHOSE TO SHARE IT WITH FIVE PEOPLE.

WITH THE RIGHT FIVE PEOPLE, DR. BRASHEAR.

SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE AUTOCRAT.

DID IT OCCUR TO YOU THAT THE *OTHER* SEVEN BILLION OF US MIGHT HAVE LIKED A SAY IN THINGS?

OH?

HAVE YOU *ASKED* THEM?

EXCUSE ME, DOCTOR. I HAVE MATTERS TO ATTEND TO.

OF COURSE YOU DO.

ARE YOU AS COMFORTABLE ON *YOUR* THRONE, REED?

ADAM...I'VE HEARD YOU OUT. I'VE BEEN *EXTREMELY* GENEROUS WITH MY TIME.

BUT WE'RE *DONE* HERE.

YOU DON'T KNOW ME. YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM OR WHAT I'VE GONE THROUGH.

MAYBE WHEN *YOU* DEAL WITH THE KIND OF CRISES *WE* HAVE DEALT WITH, MAYBE *THEN* YOU CAN JUDGE--

ALL RIGHT.

WE WILL.

"...WE'LL TALK ABOUT WHAT COMES *NEXT.*"

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